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THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 122 1/2; United States 4 1/2 per cent, 107 1/2; 5 per cent, 108 1/2; 6 per cent, 109 1/2; 7 per cent, 110 1/2; 8 per cent, 111 1/2; 9 per cent, 112 1/2; 10 per cent, 113 1/2; 11 per cent, 114 1/2; 12 per cent, 115 1/2.

San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted at 80 1/2; 80 1/2 cents.

There was a little more "win" displayed in the San Francisco market yesterday, and the price of wheat was in demand at higher prices. There was also a better tone in the north-east, and the cattle stocks were firm.

John Sing, a Chinaman, has been arrested in New York, charged with being the perpetrator of several murders.

The prevailing depression of business in England involves idleness for many thousands of persons, among whom the distress is simply enormous.

John P. Scholtes, of Toronto, Ont., has challenged Mitchell to box for scientific points. Business is so depressed in Vienna that the present season is the worst ever experienced in that city.

Gladstone's 75th birthday was celebrated at Hawarden yesterday.

The new Massillon Hall at San Francisco was dedicated yesterday.

A valuable mare perished in the flames of a burning barn at San Jose yesterday.

The captain of the steamer Army, who was assaulted in San Francisco yesterday, is in a dangerous condition, and may scarcely recover.

David Nye, General Superintendent of the North Pacific Coast Railroad, dropped dead in his office at San Francisco yesterday.

Trimmer & Co., London bankers and merchants, have suspended.

Two fresh cases of cholera are reported at Toledo, Spain.

Bagdady & Spence, warehousemen of London, have failed for \$200,000.

Representative Randall received a hearty welcome at Louisville, Ky., yesterday.

New York was enveloped in a dense fog yesterday.

A gas explosion in Augusta, Me., yesterday, demolished a two-story brick structure and wounded three workmen.

Earthquake shocks were experienced yesterday in Andorra-Hermy and Wales.

A landslide in the mountains near Periana, Spain, destroyed many houses and buried forty-eight persons.

The French and Chinese outposts in Tonquin engage in daily encounters.

It is feared that a steamer is ashore near Fire Island, L. I., but the dense fog prevents accurate information being obtained.

The annual session of the Teachers' Association of California opened in San Francisco yesterday.

The body of an unknown drowned woman was found opposite the city hall.

John Johnson was carried on and killed at Logan, Utah, Tuesday.

The governor of Idaho has signed the bill prescribing an anti-poisoning test oath for county and precinct officers.

Great damage is being done in Arkansas by freshets.

A TEST OF SINCERITY.

The total want of sincerity on the part of the Southern Democrats, in their protestations that they will give the blacks the full, free and fair enjoyment of all their rights, was shown in the debate in Congress on the interstate commerce bill.

They admitted their entire willingness to admit a white man, accompanied by his colored servant, to ride in first-class cars, but urged that the colored servant, should occupy a distinct compartment. As Mr. Cable would put it, this is simply the black skin and kinky hair is wholly unobjectionable if worn by a servant, when sandwiched between a Southern man and his children, in a first-class car. But if the wearer of their sable is not acting in the capacity of a menial against the background of which only Southern society stands in relief, he or she must not taint the atmosphere of a parlor coach.

An amendment to the bill was agreed to, providing that any person having paid the required fare from one State to another shall be afforded the same facilities and accommodations as those furnished other persons holding tickets or paying of the same class. Thereupon Mr. Backus of Mississippi offered an amendment, which was also agreed to, providing that furnishing separate accommodations with equal facilities and equal comforts, at the same charges, shall not be considered a discrimination. Clearly this was intended to authorize Southern railroad managers to assign blacks to one car and whites to another.

This was so apparent that Mr. Horner of Michigan, a Republican, to the consternation of the Democrats, proposed an amendment: "Provided that such separation shall not be made on the basis of race and color." This he supported in a speech full of vigor. The Democratic vote was rallied and the proposed amendment was killed. And yet we are told by Mr. Beecher, in his singular letter of December 9th, that "we have utilized the element of sectionalism." And Henry Waterson declares that the Republican party is wicked, selfish, narrow and cruel, and wholly to blame for the color line. And Mr. McKay of Georgia strikes Mr. Cable of Louisiana full in the face with the assertion that the cause of the Union was not just, and we of the South will never admit it—which being interpreted, means the black is an alien and a menial, and as such must be treated, according to the Southern Democracy.

ADLER'S NEW SCHEME.

Professor Felix Adler, of New York, one of the most original of originalists of the day, has set the charitable and philanthropic of New York to thinking in a new direction. He has shown how it is possible to work reform in the tenement-house systems of great cities. He claims that while thorough sanitation of all quarters is necessary to break up the lodging places of cholera, fever, small-pox and the like, there can be no material progress in that direction without a reform in tenement-house sewage systems. Even where main sewers are ample, tenement houses are almost universally filled with insufficient drains, and as these choke, they become breeding spots for disease and consequent human misery. But more pestilential than these are the cesspools which landlords of tenement houses sink in the court-yards, and very nearly as dangerous as the low, damp cellars with which the proprietors utilize the space for the profit of their purses. In addition to these filth is that of overcrowding; the packing of human beings like sardines in a box, into living rooms of

SMALLEST DIMENSIONS. These things make the majority of tenement houses too great.

The vice is augmented by the "too great juxtaposition of the houses." These houses are in some instances owned by rich church corporations, and very often, also, by people who claim to have regard for the decency of civilization. In the first place, he proposes to turn the light of publicity upon the true condition of the places and their ownership. Next he would have every church and every charitable society attempt the correction of one small group of tenement houses, and no more. He would have a sort of "cut-back" law to regulate on the score of public health—the occupancy of the living-rooms, and that this may not work hardship by reason of increased rentals he would have a fund raised to enable the poor to rent cheap, wholesome houses. He would have certain houses in overcrowded districts pulled down, and we assume that to that end he would proceed even to condemnation of the land under the law, with compensation. Between such houses as are to be allowed to stand he would have air-shafts sunk, and a health and police measure, require the establishment of public bath-houses for winter use, near to tenement quarters. These schemes cover a broad field, but they may be accomplished in our great cities, they have been in cities of Europe. The New York Times expresses the belief that the undertaking may be entered upon in New York with every prospect of success. No scholar of practical philanthropy that Adler has yet advanced, has proved a failure. He is not a man to run off after vagaries or to pronounce for plans he and his philanthropic society have not thoroughly examined into. If his plans can be carried out, a very large share of the danger from cholera in great cities will be avoided, and as the health of the extreme poor will be promoted by the reform, their ability to earn an honest livelihood will be augmented and the inducements to vice thus considerably narrowed. His charity begins in sanitation—the most practical of charities to humanity.

A NEW MORAL PHILOSOPHY.

We cannot repress our astonishment that from such a source should come so lax an expression as the following from our San Francisco contemporary, the Bulletin. Referring to that moral ship, the Hull-Sharon trial, and apologizing for its own cowardice in publishing the filthy and corrupting details, that journal says, the italics being ours: "But we judge that something has been gained for the cause of morality. A clearing up of the moral atmosphere may now be assumed. The corruption of mind and character of loose ways must at this time be strongly apparent. It is hoped, at least, that hereafter we shall have but few of those scandalous trials which are shocking to every sense of public decency and demoralizing to the last degree." Here are lofty sentiments for you to be sure. Here is a hope that even a hare may venture to express in the presence of the fox. The idea that the burning of sink-pots and the fouling of the air with the vile stench of bestial social filth will "clean up the moral atmosphere"—ye Gods! here is a system of moral philosophy that astounds.

The Senate has passed a bill providing for the erection of a monument to Lafayette. Right. We have too long a national neglect to fittingly perpetuate in enduring stone the grateful sentiment of the American people toward that gallant and wise French ally of the struggling Colonies in the hour of their bitter trial. His love for liberty was not born of love for native land, but was the manifestation of a heart big enough to encompass all humanity. We teach our youth to revere his memory, and look upon him not only as a brave, but as a good man, who loved beyond the confines of his own home as one who took his life in his own hand to aid the cause of freedom among a strange people, and lavished his wealth in our behalf that the cause of self-government might be enshrined in a new nation on a virgin continent. His efforts in our behalf were wholly unselfish. He had all to lose, nothing to gain. By all means let the monument go up; and place it, too, within the shadow of that loftiest of structures, the splendid pile reared to the memory of the man by whose side he battled for the new nation, and whose arms he upheld while the hosts of freedom passed over and took possession of their inheritance. We have too few national monuments, but if no others are ever erected let that to Lafayette be longer delayed.

Bismarck has popular sympathy with him this time. The Reichstag, in what was certainly a narrow and selfishly partial spirit, rejected the Imperial Chancellor's Secretary to aid him in the discharge of duties that old age is rendering more and more laborious. The splendid statesman was hurt by the childish refusal, and defended himself from the assault so gallantly that now contributions are being tendered from all over Europe to enable him to secure the desired assistance in his old age.

New York, December 29th.—It is generally believed at Leipzig and Babylon, L. I., that a steamer went down in the Long Island last night in a dense fog. Guns and whistles were heard distinctly up to noon today. Nothing has been heard from the wreck. The fog still continues.

New York, December 29th.—The World says of Baldwin's horses: "No greater proof can be had of the revivifying effects of the glorious climate of California than the performances of Rapid, Freda, Gano and Lucky B. at the November meeting of the Pacific Coast Horse Association over the Bay District course."

New York, December 29th.—The heavy fog which settled over the city over the night of the 28th and 29th, has been followed by a heavy rain, with difficulty, and incoming steamers do not trust themselves within the bay. Vessels of all sorts are considerably delayed by the fog before starting.

Terrible Gas Explosion. Atrocious (Me.), December 29th.—This morning at 12 o'clock an explosion occurred in the office-building of the Augusta Gas Light Company, adjoining the works in this city, demolishing the two-story brick structure and wounding three persons. The explosion was caused by the accidental lighting of gas in one of the large mains.

THE LATE SPOON. New York, December 29th.—Jack McDonald, made famous by becoming the "Benicia Boy," in his fight with the "Benicia Boy," is now lying dangerously ill of paralysis.

Plunger. Walton is going to take his place at St. Louis and says he is done with the turf forever.

Marine Disaster Feared. New York, December 29th.—It is generally believed at Leipzig and Babylon, L. I., that a steamer went down in the Long Island last night in a dense fog. Guns and whistles were heard distinctly up to noon today. Nothing has been heard from the wreck. The fog still continues.

New York Stock Market. New York, December 29th.—Stocks opened weak, and declined from 4 to 14, the latter in Delaware and Hudson, which declined to 10. Year 11 closed a rally of 4 to 4 1/2 place, and after that hour stocks continued firm, except Lackawanna, which declined to 10. Year 11 closed a rally of 4 to 4 1/2 place, and after that hour stocks continued firm, except Lackawanna, which declined to 10.

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